

Operation Forward March

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Summary

Operation Forward March is a community outreach program for out of school youth and adults ages 16-24+ who may be high school dropouts, unemployed or under-employed. Currently, Operation Forward March has eight active site locations in Florida (3), Hawaii (3), and Mississippi (2) and has served over 10,000 older youth and adults ages 16-24+ since its inception in 1998. With an overall 60% job and education placement rate, Forward March surpasses the average national job placement rate of 34%. Forward March also introduces participants to the benefits of ARNG enlistment while providing a customized program to achieve educational and career goals.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What are the desired outcomes of the Operation Forward March Program?

- A. The following are desired outcomes for the Operation Forward March Program:
- Provide an accelerated high school diploma completion and GED credentialing program for dropouts
 - Instill occupational skills with industry recognized certification in participants
 - Support job placement and retention activities
 - Invest in at-risk populations by providing life and employability skills training aimed at reducing the likelihood of future welfare dependency
 - Increase awareness and enhance the image of participating agencies
 - Increase the quantity, quality and diversity of ARNG accessions

- Add value to the communities in which the ARNG serves

Q. Who are the primary partners of Operation March Forward?

A. Operation Forward March is supported by a collaboration of the National Guard, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Health and Human Services. The program provides participants with intensive training on independent living and occupational skills followed by career search and job placement.

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Links

- [Army National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment: Operation Forward March](#)
This website provides information about the Army National Guard Operation Forward March Program.
- [Army National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment Homepage](#)
This comprehensive website serves as the premier source for education, incentives, and employment services information as it applies to Army National Guard Soldiers.

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References

Regulations

- [AR 621-5, Army Continuing Education System \(ACES\)](#)

Documents and Forms

- [National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment: Education Benefits Handbook](#)

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Points of Contact

- [ARNG Education Support Center](#)
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